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Serial No.: 09/459,290 : Examiner: Joseph M. McCardle
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Confirmation No.: 9966 : William A. Kinnaman, Jr.
Title: DEVICE AND METHOD FOR : International Business Machines Corporation
ADMINISTRATION OF IDENTIFYING : 2455 South Road, Mail Station P386
CHARACTERISTICS : Poughkeepsie, NY 12601

AMENDMENT

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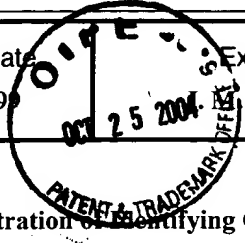
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Invention:
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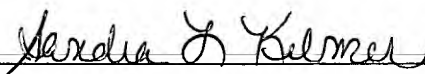
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